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A Newsletter For Employees and Retirees

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Vehicle Accident Rate Cause of Alarm

by Dave Jolly, Regional Forester

I am deeply concerned about the motor vehicle accidents that have recently occurred in this Region. An analysis of the statistics shows that our motor vehicle accident frequency rate for FY-92 is the highest we have experienced for several years.

We have reviewed the accident reports and, although we can find no common cause, it does appear that many of the vehicle accidents are caused by inattention. Remember, it only takes a split

second of inattention driving at highway speed and you've put yourself and those riding in your vehicle in jeopardy. The result can be tremendous pain and suffering to you and your family, as well as high cost and inconvenience to others.

Each employee is responsible for complying with the standards, rules, regulations, and orders issued by his or her agency. We do have some good practical advice in our rules, and it's time all of us reviewed them. Every driver of a Forest

Service vehicle is required to read and be familiar with Chapter 2, Travel, of the Health and Safety Code Handbook, Forest Service Handbook 6709.11.

Our basic philosophy in the Forest Service is that providing for the safety and health of our employees is of the highest priority. This should be our number one goal. We still have a job to do, but NO JOB IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE DO NOT HAVE THE TIME TO DO IT SAFELY.

Report from China

by Jed Dewey, Supervisory Entomologist
Timber, Cooperative Forestry & Pest Management
Regional Office

The ancient city of Beijing (formerly Peking), China was the site of the 1992 International Congress of Entomology. As supervisory entomologist for Region 1, I was fortunate to be among the 3,600 participants who came from around the world to attend the 19th biannual conference. In excess of 4,000 papers were presented, describing the latest research and development in all facets of entomology.

Preceding the Congress, I accompanied 29 other forest entomologists from ten countries on a three-day field trip of experimental forests and forest reserves in central China. We were able to observe forest insect problems first hand and management approaches being taken.

Forests in central China are made up of a wide range of trees, both conifers and deciduous species. Pine, larch, arbutus, oak and apricot predominate in many areas. The primary insect pests are defoliating Lepidoptera (butterflies, moths, skippers), some that are closely related to Region 1 defoliators. These include a pine caterpillar and a pine tussock in of the same family as our Douglas fir tussock moth, pine tussock moth, and gypsy moth. They also have a pine sawfly that periodically becomes epidemic, of the same genus as sawflies in Region 1.

China has placed considerable emphasis on dealing with

their forest insect pests by favoring and/or augmenting populations of parasitic and predatory insects. Facilities have been built and staffed to do nothing but raise vast numbers of a tiny, wasplike parasite of moth eggs. These "wasps" are then released in outbreak areas to control the pests. Though they are used in forests, their greatest use is aimed at agricultural pests. Other facilities are used to mass produce a lady bug species which is then transplanted to key areas for controlling aphids and other soft-bodied insect pests.

The forests visited by the group were literally crawling with ants. Ants are excellent predators of numerous forest insects. They are most likely largely responsible for the prevention of pests becoming epidemic in many of their forested areas. Though no special effort is made to rear and transplant ants, they are protected and conditions are maintained to encourage



Jed Dewey at Great Wall of China about 50 miles northwest of Beijing.

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Where Have All the Salmon Gone?

by Sue Arnott, Public Affairs Specialist
Snake River Basin Public Affairs Coordinating Team

A Native American folktale from the Northwest warns its people of the price they must pay for the willful and wanton destruction of life. Using the salmon to illustrate the lesson, the story tells how young members of a tribe, ignoring the warnings of their elders, went to a stream at the height of a salmon season. To amuse themselves, they captured some fish, made slits in their backs and inserted pieces of burning pitch pine. Then, they released the fish back in the water where they swam madly about resembling living torches. Not long after, a volcanic eruption claimed the lives of all but a few of the tribe. The message to people everywhere was well received. Nature demanded proper respect for all creatures.

Another story brings us to the late twentieth century. It goes like this. Once upon a time, the Snake River sockeye were so plentiful, rushing upstream in a blaze of red reproductive glory, they had a

head and sea-run cutthroat stocks on the West Coast, including the Columbia Basin which reaches into Idaho, reported 100 out of 214 naturally occurring stocks were at a high risk of extinction and 58 at a moderate risk.

The same report records 106 major populations of salmon and steelhead as extinct. And, according to Oregon Trout, a conservation organization, more than 200 stocks are extinct in the Columbia River Basin.

What's happened to the salmon and what can (and are) we doing about it?

Reasons for Decline

The salmon are at risk for many reasons. Each unique stock struggles with its own set of hurdles—man-made and natural—along its migration route. However, loss of habitat and migration routes are the root cause of their decline. Various factors contribute to this loss. Dams often block or impede salmon migration. Logging and grazing have contributed to impacts on riparian areas. Mining, fishing, recreation, urban growth—all facilitate the destruction of salmon habitat. In essence, we all are to blame.

Pointing fingers won't save the salmon, though. Collective action may.

Saving the Salmon

One of the most important steps in protecting not just salmon but all species at risk, was the passage of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA). For the salmon, this meant that, once listed, their existence and habitat would not be further jeopardized by federally funded or permitted actions. Under the ESA, Federal agencies now have to assess all such activities within salmon habitat to ensure protection to the salmon.

Four salmonid species currently listed are the Sacramento River winter Chinook, the Snake River sockeye salmon, the spring-summer Chinook, and the fall Chinook.

For the Forest Service with its multiple-use responsibility, assessing all activities within salmon habitat is a massive undertaking. It is currently underway on all National Forests

with anadromous fish in the Pacific Northwest, Intermountain and Northern Regions.

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Working together, the three Regions developed a process for reviewing all the ongoing projects on the ten currently affected National Forests. Any and all projects or activities that may affect the fish will require consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service. (The NMFS, operating under the Department of Commerce, is responsible for the federal listing of most marine species.)

From there, a number of alternatives are possible, ranging from modifying the activity to permanently halting it. The focus is on improving the habitat and not simply increasing numbers of hatchery-raised fish or the size of a salmon run. As Gordon Haugen, Columbia River Basin Fisheries Coordinator in Portland, Oregon put it, “If we take care of the soil and the water, the fish will take care of itself.”

Repairing the damage is neither a one-time nor a solo effort, though. It requires immediate, combined and lasting action from all National Forest employees and users.

Protecting fish habitat is nothing new for the Forest Service. When this agency was first created, its primary responsibility was to manage soil and watersheds. The salmon are good indicators of watershed condition.

But, it's not just saving the salmon. It's larger than that. It's biodiversity—keeping all the parts that make up the whole. It's protecting all of our resources, no matter how large or small or seemingly insignificant. It's doing what's right. It's recognizing the startling decline of the salmon is not the reason for the Forest Service to protect habitat. It's understanding the larger issue of a lost or damaged habitat that will inevitably affect numbers of other species.



Spawning Chinook salmon

lake named after them—Idaho's Redfish Lake. Where once there were thousands, only 4 adults completed the 900-mile journey in 1991 back to their spawning grounds. And those were not native, naturally spawning salmon; they were spawned artificially as part of an attempt to rebuild the salmon run.

This is not an isolated situation. Before 1850, the estimated size of a salmon run in the Columbia River Basin was 10-16 million adult salmon. Today, that estimate is 2.5 million. Of those, about 75 percent are spawned and reared in hatcheries.

A recent study of all salmon, steel-



Wilderness, the Teacher

by Liz Cose, Wilderness Specialist
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Regional Office

"Wilderness is not business as usual"

"We don't manage wilderness; we are stewards of the wilderness resource"

"Stop making individual resource decisions within wilderness; in any decision, the wilderness resource must always WIN!"

Not everyone agreed with all of the ideas discussed during this summer's Northern Region Advanced Wilderness Training, but that's OK. All 30 attendees of the week-long course held at the Ninemile Wildlands Training Center, Lolo National Forest, however, did agree that they came away with a greater understanding of wilderness values, concepts, and management issues. And that's good, because that's what the course was all about.

Attendees were encouraged to forge their own wilderness philosophies amid the trappings of a wilderness life. They lived in a tent camp, held classes in the loft of a barn, and tried their skill with a cross-cut saw during "tin cup" coffee breaks. Ninemile provided an ideal setting, and the faculty included wilderness experts from a former chief to seasonal



Field trip into the proposed Great Burn Wilderness was part of the Advanced Wilderness Training

wilderness rangers.

How do you learn the "stuff" of wilderness? There was an evening campfire chat with wilderness leaders including Chief Emeritus Max Peterson and former Nez Perce Forest Supervisor Tom Kovalicky; a shuffled dance to the music of a Salish-Kootenai drum after discussions with tribal members about Native American wilderness spiritualism; playing the part of a ROCK in the "Impact Monster" wilderness education skit. All of these were events during a week punctuated with the liveliest of discussions. Noxious weed management, outfitter and guide administration, the limits of acceptable change planning process and the minimum tool concept were among the issues addressed.

But it seems the attendees of the Advanced Wilderness Training had the last word. All were asked to write

an essay on "What the Wilderness Resource means to Me"—writings that remind us that often the best approach to the treasure of wilderness is not from our management minds, but from our hearts.



Living in a tent camp helped participants stay in a wilderness frame of mind during sessions



L to R - District Rangers Dennis Havig, Dave Campbell and Tom Heintz at cross-cut saw. Salmon National Forest Ranger Bob Russell, from Region 4, watches with coffee cup

If I had to pick a sound that was wilderness
It would be the lonely bugle of elk in the fall
If I had to pick a smell that was wilderness
One would be the aroma in the air on a hot
August day
That you'd swear is a huckleberry pie baking
The second would be the smell of a lightning
storm
Moving up the valley

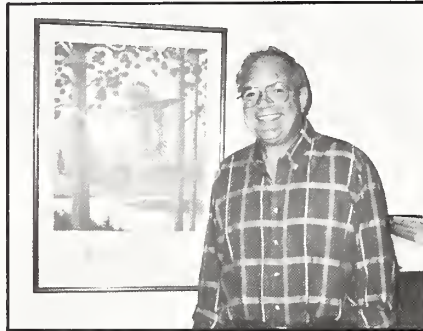
by Steve Brady, District Ranger
Big Timber Ranger District
Gallatin National Forest

KUDOS TO...

Orville Daniels

by Cheryl Vanderburg, Student Trainee
Public Affairs
Lolo National Forest

Orville Daniels, Lolo National Forest Supervisor, is the recipient of two awards for his dedication to good multiple use management. Both awards recognize the role resource stewardship plays to protect and manage the fisheries resources on the Lolo National Forest.



Orville Daniels

Daniels received the American Fisheries Society Western Division's Robert L. Borovicka Conservation Achievement Award for 1991-92. The award is to recognize an individual who is not a member of the American Fisheries Society. He was also honored by the West Slope Chapter of Trout Unlimited-Federation of Fly Fishers for giving top priority to Fisheries protection and recreation on the Lolo National Forest.

Change on the Range - Madison Ranger District

by Jack de Golia, Public Affairs Specialist
Beaverhead National Forest



The Forest Service's Change on the Range program has received a Special Merit award from the National Environmental Awards Council, a coalition of 28 environmental organizations. The program was honored for its success in protecting the environment and for the positive example it sets for communities to meet similar environmental challenges.

The Beaverhead's Madison Ranger District Wall Creek Allotment was also cited for a Special Merit award, as a successful example of the Change on the Range program. The award recognized the rest/rotation grazing program developed by the district; BLM; Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks; and the Wall Creek Grazing Association. While providing summer grazing for cattle, the system assures adequate forage for wintering elk while protecting the resources of soil and vegetation. Cattle are rotated through three sets of three pastures which were established based on elevation. One pasture in each set is rested annually. Stock water has been developed to increase areas available for cattle grazing, dramatically improving winter forage for elk.

Clearwater Canoe Trail and Viewing Blind

by Cheryl Vanderburg, Student Trainee,
Public Affairs
Lolo National Forest



Recently the Clearwater Canoe Trail and Viewing Blind located on the Seeley Lake Ranger District received the Forest Service National Wildlife Viewing Site Award. This award reflects the creative energy and enthusiasm for this project by the Wildlife Appreciation Specialist Susan Reel, the Seeley Lake District Ranger and the District staff. The wildlife appreciation program has been a wonderful addition to the Lolo's interpretive program. Congratulations to these individuals as we look forward to more wildlife appreciation opportunities in the future.

Spotted Bear Ranger District

The Spotted Bear Ranger District, Flathead National Forest, has received the 13th annual Northern Region Primitive Skills Award. Recognized was the Mud Lake Trail Reconstruction Project, completed in a remote area of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Involved was a seven-mile section of primary trail in the South Fork corridor that is heavily used by the public and the Forest Service. No motorized equipment was allowed in completing the work.



L to R - Spotted Bear District Ranger Greg Warren accepts Silver Ax from Bill Worf, Executive Director of Wilderness Watch

The project included almost all aspects of trail work requiring a broad range of special and primitive skills. The work was completed in a way to help eliminate future maintenance. Sample tasks included the installation of sixty feet of puncheon, which made use of large trees to adequately support stock using the crossing. Some of the large logs were skidded to the project site using a draft horse. Logs for the puncheon were peeled with draw knives and hand hewn with axes. Trees were felled with a crosscut saw, wedge, and ax. Approximately 130 tons of gravel was hauled in 24 days, requiring a string of nine mules making nine trips a day.

Trails specialist Pete Woll, forester Al Koss, and forestry technician Dave Arbach supervised the project; Clint Brash was the packer. Pete Frederick and Ron Shafer were co-foremen. Other members of the project crew were: Amy Gribb, Chris Weaver, Herman Pipe, Dave Banning, Paul Curtis, Carson Auld, Kory Shriver, James Melick, and Amelia Debaggis.

KUDOSTO...

Jamie O'Gallagher

Retiree Skip Stratton

by Jim McLean, Manager, MGEUCU

Former Forest Service employee H. W. "Skip" Stratton of Missoula was named Credit Union Person of the Year by the Missoula Government Employees Credit Union (MGEUCU) for the State of Montana. The award is presented to the outstanding MGEUCU volunteer from nominees submitted state-wide. Stratton has served on the board of directors of the MGEUCU since 1981 and has volunteered many hours of his time to insure the success of the organization serving Federal employees in the Missoula area.

Stratton retired from the Forest Service in 1973. During his tenure with the agency his assignments included smokejumper squad leader where he had the opportunity to head the rescue crew on the tragic Mann Gulch fire of 1949 where 12 of his fellow jumpers and one firefighter lost their lives.

Other previous positions held have all been in Region 1: assistant ranger at the Kingston District; ranger at the Kelly Creek District; Forest staff officer in charge of fire, lands, recreation, and grazing, Bitterroot National Forest; branch chief of training and safety in the Division of Personnel Management, Regional Office; branch chief for fire planning, Division of Fire Control.

Ramblin Rose Drill Team

by Jack de Golia, Public Affairs Specialist
Beaverhead National Forest

RAMBLIN' ROSE CAPTURES STATE CROWN! The Ramblin' Rose Drill Team from Dillon competed in the Montana State Drill Team Competition this past weekend in Deer Lodge and came home with the GOLD MEDAL! Beaverhead Forest members of the team include Trish Woods (team treasurer), Kathy Smith (secretary), Carolyn Hoem (historian), Chris Hansel, Jackie Howery (coach and wardrobe assistant), and Ann Ostlund.



L to R Front Row - Kim Hirschy, Minnie Clark, Paullie Blaine, Carolyn Hoem*, Trish Woods*, Kathy Smith*, Brenda Johnson. Back Row - Barb Kramer, Sue Webster, Sherrie High, Mike Berger, Ann Ostlund*, Chris Hansel*, Deb Kelley, Cookie Later, Lyndee Schoonover.

*=Forest Service employee

For the past four years, the team has placed second to the Bitterroot Mountettes from Hamilton. Team members said it was especially gratifying to finally beat the Hamilton! By winning first place in the overall category the team was able to bring home the coveted championship trophy and flag.

by Madelyn Kempf, Public Affairs Specialist
Bitterroot National Forest

Jamie O'Gallagher, a 17-year old high school senior from Brookfield, Wisconsin, recently "won" an all expense paid, two-week volunteer experience on the Sula Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest.

O'Gallagher, a member of the Brookfield Key Club, is the first—and so far only—person nationwide to reach the goal of selling 300 tree seedlings donations at \$5.00 each. Friends of the Forest, a New Jersey-based environmental group, sponsored this effort through Key Clubs nationwide. The money will be used to purchase tree seedlings to rehabilitate National Forest lands adjacent to Yellowstone National Park, burned over by the fires of '88.



Jaime O'Gallagher

From August 4-14, O'Gallagher worked under the supervision of Sula recreation forester Gina Owens on a variety of recreation projects, including assisting with the painting on the McCart Lookout restoration project. "Jamie is a hard worker and certainly contributed to the McCart project by cleaning the grimy interior of the lookout and helping with the exterior painting...I'm glad she was here and that I had the opportunity to work with her."

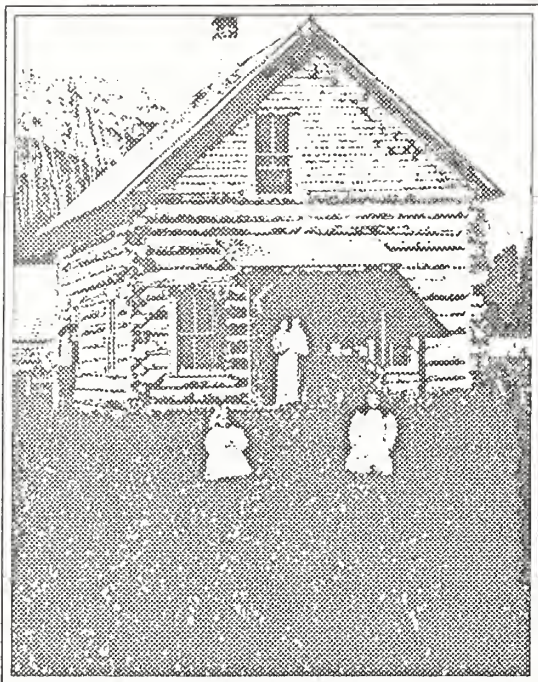
O'Gallagher's excitement over her first trip to Montana caused one minor problem. After shooting a whole roll of film on Montana scenery and wildlife, she went to unload the roll, then moaned, "I forgot to put film in my camera!"

Better luck next time, Jaime!!!

Rock Creek Partnership

The long-awaited Rock Creek Trailhead and Horse Camp near Lake Como in the Bitterroot National Forest is near completion. The new facility provides two restrooms, ten sites for overnight camping with horses, picnic tables and fire pits. It was accomplished through a cooperative agreement between the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BBCH) and the Darby Ranger District.

Included as part of the project were two livestock unloading ramps and a mounting ramp for the physically challenged, the first of its kind in Region 1. Led by BBCH project leaders Ron Gibford and Harold Maus and Darby District recreation technician Cynthia Lusk, the group also installed two hitching rails, two bulletin boards, a trail sign and a sign recognizing the volunteer efforts of the BBCH.



Above L to R - District Ranger Jim Mershon, preservation team members Bernie Weisgerber and Cary King at Bull River Ranger Station. At left - Station in 1908. Mrs. Granville Gordon stands on porch holding daughter. Two daughters in front. At left, a laborer

Historic Preservation Team at Bull River

*"If these buildings aren't repaired, they're gone.
It's fantastic what the Forest Service is doing."*

*by Diana Enright-Bawden,
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Kootenai National Forest*

Bull River Ranger Station in the Cabinet Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest, has received a "lift" from the Region 1 Historic Preservation Team. The two-story log structure was built around 1908 by Ranger Granville "Granny" Gordon for his home and office. It is being restored through a cooperative effort between the Forest Service and the Cabinet Wilderness Historical Society.

The preservation team, headed by Bernie Weisgerber, includes Bill Harris, Cary King and Dale Swée, all journeyman carpenters. "Our first objective," stated Weisgerber, "was to see how bad the sill logs were and replace the concrete foundation installed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's."

What they discovered was that one sill log needed replacement and three wall logs needed repairs. Other work involved repair and replacement of the floor joists and installation of a new sub-floor. Replacement of the foundation was especially tricky and laborious because the design of the foundation necessitated using a "bucket brigade"-- pouring the concrete by hand from buckets

from the interior of the building.

While watching the crew pour the new foundation, Historical Society President Nan Compton commented, "I'm delighted that future generations will be able to appreciate the ranger station. If these buildings aren't repaired, they're gone. It's fantastic what the Forest Service is doing."

The Historical Society has long recognized the value of the structure and has worked with the Forest Service over several years to stabilize the building. Compton stated the work of the team was "very impressive" and she looked forward to the day when the restoration could be completed.

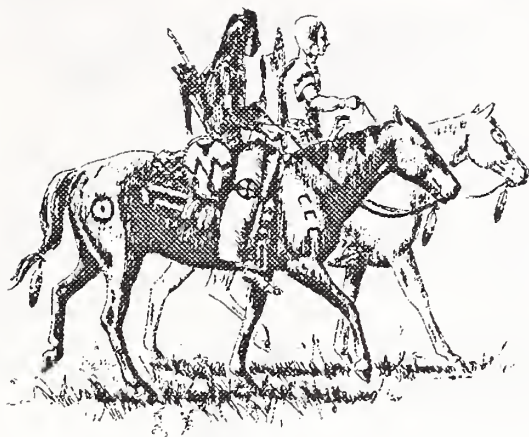
At the open house held May 16, District Ranger Jim Mershon spoke of the efforts to preserve the station. Forest Supervisor Bob Schrenk has also voiced his concern that the station at Bull River be maintained. "Part of the Forest Service's strength comes from our past and our continuing traditions," Schrenk recently said. He said that the Bull River ranger

station shows what conditions were like in the early years and remains as a symbol of what is possible through grit and determination.

As part of the open house celebration, three time capsules were buried near the ranger station. Jeannie Spooner, Public Affairs specialist for the Kootenai, mused that in 100 years when the capsules are uncovered, there's a good chance the ranger station will still be standing, thanks to the hard work of a lot of people. "It's what we owe to the future," Spooner stated. "We should feel good about what's been done here."



Preservation team leader Bernie Weisgerber describes the work on the sill logs to Patty Johnson, with the Kootenai National Forest planning staff.



Nez Perce Trail Receives Attention

*by Deanna Riebe, Public Affairs Specialist
Clearwater National Forest*

It was a special place to be. Camp was set up in the beautiful Weitas Meadows, where in years past Indians, trappers, hunters, miners, and explorers have traditionally camped. Lewis and Clark came through the area almost two centuries ago, noting down the wonders of the country for President Thomas Jefferson and all posterity to read.

The purpose in being in this historic area of the Clearwater National Forest was to work on the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail. The project drew over 100 enthusiastic volunteers who drove many miles of rough road in Idaho's backcountry to swing pulaskis, pound rebar, strip logs, shovel dirt, and install and paint signs on the weekend of July 18.

Thanks to the group's hard work, the famous trail now has 170 new waterbars and drain dips to prevent erosion and to help stabilize it for hikers and horses for years to come. The Forest has hosted this volunteer effort under the "Take Pride in America" (TPIA) program for the past six years. TPIA is a national public awareness campaign to encourage citizens to take pride in the nation's natural and cultural resources.

Many families have been coming to this event for years. Some are local folks or Forest Service employees volunteering their time. Some travel from other states for the event. "Why did they come? For a whole range of reasons. Because it's an American thing to do, it was said. Or to see the trail preserved. To do

something good and worthwhile for our heritage. Because it's fun!

The trails worked on by the volunteers are part of the Lolo Trail system which encompasses several historic trail routes across the rugged mountains north of the



L to R - Volunteers Mark Craig of Moscow and John Kasza, Clearwater National Forest engineer, working on trail tread

Clearwater River. The Nez Perce Indians traveled this route east to Montana to hunt buffalo. Now known as the Northern Nez Perce Trail, the Nez Perce called it the Q'useyn'eisskit (pronounced khusahna ishkit), or buffalo trail. Some portions of the trail are estimated to be thousands of years old and were most likely used by prehistoric native Americans before the Nez Perce inhabited the area.

Lewis and Clark took this route traveling west in 1805, and east on

their return trip in 1806, taking some deviations from the original trail. In 1866, Congress appropriated money for a wagon road to be built across these mountains to accommodate commerce needs. The result was a trail rather than a wagon road, but one that eased the grade and avoided the steep mountainsides characterized by the Indian trail. Its name was the Bird-Truax Trail after the builders.

This improved trail was the one used by the Nez Perce as their flight path from General Howard's troops during the Nez Perce War of 1877. There are estimates that as many as 750 Nez Perce and 2,000 horses were on the trail at that time. The flight continued on into Montana, for a total of 1,170 miles, ending at the Bears Paw Mountains where they surrendered. It was this flight path that was formally dedicated as the Nez Perce National Historic Trail in July 1991. (The Nez Perce call themselves "Nee-Me-Poo," meaning "the people"; thus, the trail is also called the Nee-Me-Poo Trail.)

A small portion of these original trail beds were covered over in 1930 with the building of the Lolo Motorway, a single-lane dirt road which finally opened up this rough and wild country to vehicles. It is those portions lacing back and forth across the motorway that are being marked and preserved. And it is for the sake of preserving these pathways which lead to such significant events in our nation's history that people are so eager to give unselfishly of their muscle and their time.



"Farewell FS. I'm joining the Sheep Corps."

Spotlight

Pete Bengeyfield

From: Long Island, NY

Profession: Hydrologist, Beaverhead National Forest

What Job REALLY Is: Ensuring Forest Service activities protect water resources and maintain watershed function. I help keep us all honest.

Fantasy Job: You mean this isn't it?? Staff photographer - Wilderness Society

Previous Life: Before the Forest Service?!!! Lacrosse bum.

Favorite Place in the World: Wind River Mountains, Wyoming

People I Wish I Had Met: Winston Churchill, Jim Bridger, Howard Cosell

Wish I'd Been Along When...: Lewis and Clark headed west in 1805

Hobbies: Reading history, outdoor photography

Dream Vacation: Photographing Alaska

Tips to LIVE by



**SLIPS, TRIPS, FALLS = #1 cause
of personal injuries in Region 1**



by Diana Enright-Bawden, Information Receptionist
Cabinet Ranger District
Kootenai National Forest

The evening air was soft and still as dusk descended on Sand Lake. After a hard day's ride through the Beaverhead National Forest, participants of the joint meeting of the Forest Service and Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA) were winding down. In the twilight, two people made their way out to the lake to try some dry fly fishing.

In the bat of an eye, they'd hooked the big one. Taking a cue from the fishing fraternity, Regional Office Wilderness Specialist Steve Morton and MOGA Executive Secretary Jean Johnson decided that catch and release was the best method for handling this...mammal?

Johnson's lure had been too irresistible for the bat which swooped out of the sky to snag the fly. At first, Johnson thought Morton was a being a joker, and it made her wonder, "Boy, what is he up to?" But right off the bat, she could tell this was not just lighthearted batting practice.

Being the Good Samaritan that he is, Morton had Johnson hold the bat while he unhooked it from the line. That's when things went from bat to worse. Morton got a good grip on the bat and the bat bit back.

Even though Steve said the bat bite didn't break the skin, the group did check to make sure he wasn't sleeping by hanging from the top of the tent. They also checked themselves for suspicious mosquito bites.

There is apparently no truth to the rumor that Steve (Caped Crusader) Morton has asked for a night job and that his favorite drink is now Silver Bullet.

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their natural production.

Though forest entomology in China is not as advanced in the use of such management approaches as microbial and chemical insecticides, behavior modifying chemicals, or silvicultural techniques as are the U.S., Canada, Scandinavia, and Germany, they are one of the world leaders on the use of natural enemies for controlling insect pests.

At the same time I was in China, a team of Forest Service pest management specialists were also there. Following the conference, they traveled much of the country, arranging for exchanges between entomologists and pathologists of the two countries. As a result, it is possible that Chinese scientists will be visiting Region 1 in the near future to observe Forest Service pest management approaches in action.



The pine caterpillar, one of the most important forest pests in China

Going Fishin'

by Carl Ritchie, Forestry Technician
Wallace Ranger District
Idaho Panhandle National Forests

Over 40 children and young adults amassed at the Hale Fish Hatchery near Mullan, Idaho to take part in the free, youth fishing clinic coordinated by Ed Lider, wildlife biologist with the Wallace Ranger District. Assistance was provided by the Idaho Fish and Game, the Shoshone Sportsmen, and 18 volunteers.

Six educational stations were set up at the hatchery, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's. At the stations, the kids were introduced to fish identification, aquatic organisms, habitat requirements, stream ecology, tying methods and bait types. When the young folks were ready to try their luck with rod and reel, they had to work the rust from their casting wrists. Hatchery staff stocked lunker trout in one of the hatchery's holding ponds and success was accomplished! Each person got to take home one keeper.

Supporting the day's events were local Silver Valley merchants; Jack's Hook Shop; Berg's; Barney's Supermarket; and Building Maintenance and Supply. Each merchant donated fishing tackle that was raffled off throughout the day. All the young attendants took home prizes and the knowledge of what the area's nearby streams, lakes and rivers have to offer.



At left, volunteer helps a little one

In Memoriam

Zail Eugene Chapman, 67, of Great Falls, died July 29 of natural causes. For 30 years, Chapman taught mathematics at Great Falls High School. Beginning in 1951, he was employed as a forest dispatcher for Lewis and Clark National Forest during his summer breaks. After he retired from teaching in 1980, he worked for 10 years as a full time employee of the Forest Service.

As forest dispatcher, he was instrumental in recruiting and training Indian firefighting crews. He estimated that during his years with the Forest Service, he had dispatched 3,000 Indian firefighting crews from the Blackfeet, Rocky Boy's and Fort Belknap reservations to fight fires in western states. In 1988, he was inducted into the Blackfeet Tribe as an honorary member and was given the name Mountain Bear.

Robert H. Cron, former Kootenai National Forest supervisor and director of timber management for Region 1, died July 25 at his Missoula home after a long battle with cancer. He was 78.

Born in Manistee, Michigan, Cron began his 33-year career with the Forest Service in 1937 in the San Bernardino National Forest. For the following 21 years he worked in several California National Forests: assistant district ranger with the Eldorado, Sequoia, and Sierra National Forests. He later became staff officer for the Mendocino and Modoc National Forests.



Robert Cron

In 1958 he was promoted to supervisor of the Kootenai National Forest in Libby, Montana. During his tenure, the Ross Creek Cedars, Ten Lakes, and Northwest Peaks scenic areas were designated and the groundwork laid for designation of the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness.

In 1964, he was appointed director of timber management for Region 1. He retired from the Forest Service in 1970.

Thomas A. Powell, 82, of Ronan, died July 20. He was born in Chicago, moving to the Flathead Valley with his parents in 1912. Powell worked for the Flathead National Forest in the early 1930's.



Engineering to Have Open House with FREE POPCORN!

Just a reminder that the Regional Office Engineering Division is hosting an open house on October 6, 7, and 8 to acquaint Forest Service employees, the public, and student groups with Forest Service Engineering. There will be exhibits open and staffed from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. every day of the open house. There will also be guided tours throughout the Engineering offices showing the new Intergraph equipment which is a computerized mapping system in cartography; photogrammetry to see the BC-3, a stereo analytical plotter; photo lab with its extra large camera; and the aerial photo area with large photos taken from an airplane.

The "Popcorn Machine" will be located in the lobby. Free popcorn will be provided during the entire week. So, mark your calendars for this event! See you there.

Personnel Update

BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

BLEVINS, PAM, business management clerk, Sheridan RD, promotion to support services specialist, Mountain City RD, Humboldt NF
EBLEN, BERTHA, cash award, Sheridan RD
OZENBERGER, JIM, range conservationist, Wise River RD, promotion, coordinator of resource inventory, Modoc NF
PETRONI, DIANE, cash award, Sheridan RD
WOOD, STEPHANIE, cash award, Sheridan RD

BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

BOLTON, JOY, archeologist, SO, promotion
HALEY, Bill, construction inspector, SO, promotion, civil engineering technician
JONES, LARRY, construction inspector, SO, temporary promotion, R2, San Juan NF
McBRIDE, KEN, soil scientist, SO, cash award
MILLER, BILL, forestry technician, Darby RD, promotion
PENDLEY, TRISHA, student trainee (forester), West Fork RD, promotion

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

MILLER, CHARLES, land surveyor, R4 Wasatch-Cache NF, reassignment, SO

RESIGNATIONS

SMITH, PEGGY, culinary arts instructor, Trapper Creek CCC

CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

HANSON, AMY, cash award, range aid, Ashland RD
LUNSFORD, MARY B., cash award, secretary (oa), 50
O'ROURKE, LISA, promotion, realty specialist, Medora RD
OTT, WILLIAM, R2, White River NF, promotion, District Ranger, Ashland RD
TURNER, ANNE, supervisory forester, Medora RD, promotion, environmental policy specialist, International Forestry Staff
VOGT, ANN, cash award, support services supervisor, SO

NEW EMPLOYEES

KARGES, SUE, reinstatement, information assistant, SO
NAVRATIL, PAULA, career-conditional appointment, office automation clerk, Medora RD
WALSH, CATHY, career-conditional appointment, applications clerk (OA), Medora RD

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

SMYERS, NORMAN B., geologist, SO, reassignment, Lolo NF, SO

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

CHOR, JULIANN, computer assistant, Anaconda CCC, promotion
DUNN, MARTIN, social services assistant, Anaconda CCC, promotion
MCLEAN, MARIE, office automation clerk, Anaconda CCC, promotion
SPRAUER, LAUNA, computer assistant, Anaconda CCC, promotion
THOMAS, ROSEMARIE, support services supervisor, Anaconda CCC, promotion
WEIKEL, ROBERTA, budget & accounting analyst, SO, temporary promotion, acting administrative officer
WHITTINGTON, MARY, general clerk, Anaconda CCC, promotion

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

MCGOVERN, JACKELYN, recreation assistant, Anaconda CCC to Bureau of Reclamation

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

LINSE, PAUL, supervisory forestry technician, Glacier View RD, promotion
ROWLEY, ALLEN, supervisory forester, Spotted Bear RD, certificate of appreciation
SMOLT-REES, KIM, forester, Swan Lake RD, promotion
SPOTTED BEAR RD, 1991 Northern Region Primitive Skills Award
STEELE, LARRY, contract specialist, SO, promotion, to Gallatin NF

GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

BECKEN, PETE, cash award, Big Timber RD
BELL, MARC, cash award, SO
CAREY, DAVE, cash award, SO
CHERRY, MARION, cash award, SO
CHRISTIANSON, STEVE, cash award, SO
CIFALA, FRANK, cash award, Big Timber RD
CLARK, STEVE, cash award, Central Timber
HANCOCK, TIM, cash award, Central Timber
KEMPFF, JONATHAN, cash award, SO
LARKIN, JIM, cash award, Big Timber RD
MARCHWICK, DONNA, promotion, information receptionist, Bozeman RD
ORR, TAYLOR, cash award, Big Timber RD
RONNEBERG, CARL, cash award, Big Timber RD

SEARS, LARRY, cash award, Gardiner RD
SCLENKER, KIMBERLY, cash award, SO
STEELE, LARRY, promotion, Flathead NF, zoned contract specialist, Gallatin, Beaverhead, & Deerlodge NF
TYERS, DAN, cash award, Gardiner RD
WHITEOAK, JUDY, support services specialist, Hebtgen Lake RD, to supervisory personnel assistant, Six River NF
WILLIAMS, SHELLEY, cash award, SO

NEW EMPLOYEES

BIRKELAND, KARL, avalanche specialist, conversion from temporary appointment, SO
SENGER, SALLY, forestry technician, conversion from temporary appointment, Bozeman RD

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

DICKEY, LOREN, reassignment, Stuslaw NF, telecommunication specialist, SO
McCLURE, JANET, reassignment, Sawtooth NF, information receptionist, Bozeman RD
McCLURE, WALLY, reassignment, Sawtooth NF, fisheries biologist, Bozeman RD
SPARKS, JIM, forestry technician, to wildlife biologist, Big Timber RD

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

BULLIS, ROD, forester, Lincoln RD, cash award
COUTTS, TEDDI, computer programmer, SO, cash award from US Fish Wildlife Service
EDWARDS, LARRY, supervisory forester tech, Helena RD, promotion
HART, DENIS, forester (administration), Helena RD, cash award
KNAPTON, JOHN, lead forester technician, Helena RD, promotion
PITTMAN, MAGGIE, public affairs specialist, SO, cash award

NEW EMPLOYEES

GONNOUD, THOMAS, lead forester technician, Helena RD, career conditional appointment
JOHNSON, DIANE, range technician, Townsend RD, career conditional appointment

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS

NEW HIRES

BROOKS, ARLEEN, SCSEP enrollee, SO
FUNK, MILTON, SCSEP enrollee, Ferman RD
SANDBERG, THOMAS, archeologist, Bonners Ferry RD

AWARDS/PROMOTIONS

GLEN, TAMMY, office automation clerk, promotion, resource clerk, Bonners Ferry RD
PEDEY, KAREN, quality step increase, Bonners Ferry RD
RIPATTI, LORI, supervisory purchasing agent, promotion, resource clerk, Bonners Ferry RD
ROGOWSKI, NORBERT, cash award, SO
SIMS, CORT, promotion, archeologist, SO
SMITH, JUDITH, supervisory forester, Cd'A Nursery, promotion, public affairs specialist, SO
SLEIGHT, DOUGLAS, cash award, SO
SYTH, GARY, promotion, surveying technician, engineer, Sandpoint RD
TENSMEYER, GREGORY, cash award, SO

REASSIGNMENT/TRANSFERS

BARTH, RICHARD, forester from supervisory forester, Wallace RD
BRUNING, JOHN, forestry technician from Ferman RD
HICKERSON, THOMAS, forestry technician from Ferman RD
KRUEGER, KARL, interdisciplinary, from computer programmer analyst, SO
ROBERTSON, STEPHEN, Stanislaus NF, fisheries biologist, to Ferman RD

RESIGNATIONS

HOLSTEIN, LINA, information receptionist, St. Maries RD

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

BOHN, BRYCE, forester, Fortine RD, promotion
BRATKOVICH, AL, cash award, Libby RD
BRUNDIN, LEE, cash award, Libby RD
CARLIN, ROBERT, cash award, Fortine RD
CLARK, DONNA, cash award, Fisher River RD
COLE, DANIEL, student trainee (civil engineer), East Zone Engineering, promotion
DEAVOURS, DAVID, wildlife biologist, Three Rivers RD, promotion
FERRUZZI, CHRISTY, forestry technician, Fortine RD, promotion
HERNVALL, MARY, cash award, Fisher River RD
ERESEK, JON, cash award, Libby RD
JOHNSON, MICHAEL, superior performance, Fisher River RD
LAFORD, RETA, forester, Rexford RD, promotion
LEAVELL, DANIEL, forester, Payette NF, to SO, botanist, promotion
LOCKE, KIRSTEN, forester, Rexford RD, promotion
MOLLANDER, KAREN, deputy district ranger, Rexford RD, promotion, district ranger, R9, Allegheny NF
PERKINSON, R. DOUG, fisheries biologist, SO, promotion

Personnel Update

PRICE, MARY, computer clerk, Fisher River RD, promotion
 PUCHLERZ, THOMAS, cash award, Fortine RD
 REBO, SANDRA, computer assistant, SO, promotion
 RODE, DIANE, cash award, Fisher River RD
 SYKES, WILLIE, contract specialist, SO, promotion
 THATCHER, JANE, computer specialist, R6, Siskiyou NF, promotion, computer specialist, SO
 WARNELL, GARY, cash award, Libby RD
 WARNER, MARCELLA, student trainee (forester), Fortine RD, promotion

NEW EMPLOYEES

FUJISHIN, CHERYL, career conditional appointment, resource clerk, Three Rivers RD
 KOMAC, RONALD, career conditional appointment, wildlife biologist, Rexford RD
 TANIMOTO, PHILIP, career conditional appointment, wildlife biologist, SO

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

HIGGINS, BRUCE, forester, from Libby RD, to R6, Malheur NF
 HIGGINS, JEANNE, forester, from Fisher River RD, to R6 Malheur NF
 PERRY, PATRICIA, business management clerk to purchasing agent, Fortine RD
 THATCHER, RONALD, civil engineering technician, Siskiyou NF, to
 East Zone Engineering
 THOMPSON, ROBERT, geologist, SO/LMRC, to Rexford RD, deputy district ranger
 TORGRIMSON, PENNY, business management clerk to purchasing agent, Cabinet RD

CASTALDI, BRIAN G., criminal investigator, cash award, ADM
 COLE, HAZEL, financial assistant, promotion, ENG
 CUNNINGHAM, ROBERT, supervisory smokejumper, cash award, A&FM
 HAYES, ANDREW M., smokejumper, cash award, A&FM
 HEARE, KENNETH W., lead smokejumper, cash award, A&FM
 MCCORKLE, MURIEL V., claims specialist, cash award, ADM
 NESSER, JOHN, archeologist, cash award, RAWE
 SHERICK, STEVE, public affairs, cash award, PAO
 SWANSON, GAIL, accounting tech, promotion, ENG
 WALDRON, MICHAEL L., smokejumper, cash award, A&FM
 WILBRECHT, JOHN, photographer, cash award, MTDC
 ZWANG, CHERYLE, public affairs, cash award, PAO

NEW EMPLOYEES

PURLEE, JOHN W., airplane pilot, A&FM

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

CHISM, PATRICIA L., office automation clerk, ADM
 DOUCETTE, RONALD, accountant, ADM
 LEHMANN, ROBERT, contracting officer, Lolo to ADM
 PETTEYS, DAVID, forestry technician (smokejumper), AFD, forestry technician, Lolo NF, Plains RD

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

COMSTOCK, JUDY, appraiser, promotion, SO
 ELLIOTT, NANCY, accounting technician, promotion
 FOURNIER, JAMES L., forestry tech, cash award, SO
 GARR, DAVID A., forestry tech, cash award, SO
 GOSSARD, BOYD, supervisory forester, temporary promotion, SO
 GUTHNECK, MICHAEL L., forester, promotion, Kootenai NF
 HENSLER, J. SHANNON, supervisory accounting tech, promotion, SO
 HOLDEN, MOLLIE, purchasing agent, promotion, SO to R4-IFSL
 JOHNSON, BRUCE, supervisory forester, promotion, Seeley Lake RD
 KARKANEN, STEVE, supervisory forestry tech, promotion, SO
 LOVITT, JENNY L., purchasing agent, promotion, D3 to R4-IFSL
 LOVITT, JENNY L., payroll clerk (typing), cash award, SO
 MCPHERSON, TAMMY, resource clerk, cash award, Seeley Lake RD
 RICHARDSON, BRET K., student trainee (communications), promotion, SO
 WIEDER, ROXEEN, computer clerk, cash award, Seeley Lake RD

NEW EMPLOYEES

MALONEY, HOLLY, career conditional appointment, lead forestry technician, Missoula RD

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

BOYLES, RENEE, student trainee (forestry), Ninemile RD, reassignment, Yankee Fork RD, Challis NF, R-4
 LINDSTROM, CONNIE, supervisory contract specialist, Idaho Panhandle NF reassignment, SO
 PETTEYS, DAVE, reassignment, forestry tech AFD to supervisory forestry technician, Plains RD
 THOLEN, SUE, reassignment, forester, Ninemile RD to Missoula RD

RESIGNATIONS

LIPSCOMB, BRIAN E., supervisory civil engineer, West Zone Engineering

NEZ PERCE NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

ANDERSON, NEIL, fisheries biologist, special act award, Selway RD
 BLOM, BRIDGET, procurement clerk, promotion, SO
 DUMAS, SHELLEY, information assistant, special act award, Moose Creek RD
 ESSLINGER, DON, animal packer, special act award, Moose Creek RD
 GOOSMAN, WILLIAM, supervisory range conservationist, Moose Creek RD
 KLINGER, LISA, forester, promotion, Clearwater RD
 KORN, MICHAEL, forester, special act award, Clearwater RD
 McDONALD, TIMOTHY, forestry technician, special act award, Clearwater RD
 MYERS, MICHAEL, supervisory forestry technician, special act award, Moose Creek RD
 NEWMAN, RUSSELL, forestry technician, promotion, Elk City RD
 WILSEY, ERICA, computer assistant, promotion, Elk City RD

NEW EMPLOYEES

VANDERPAS, MICHAEL, lead forestry technician, career conditional appointment

REASSIGNMENTS

SELOSKE, GARRY, fisheries biologist, Salmon River Ranger District

REGIONAL OFFICE

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

ANDERSON, LESLIE L., forester, promotion, A&FM
 BECK, JAMES R., supervisory smokejumper, cash award, A&FM

Retirement News

Gerald Gordon "Buck" Larsen recently retired from the Forest Service after 30 years of service with the St. Joe and Idaho Panhandle National Forests.

Larsen obtained his first permanent position with the agency in 1960. He worked in many aspects of timber and retired as the small sales officer for the St. Maries District. In recognition of superior performance, Larsen was presented two Certificate of Merit awards during his career.

Bernard Lea, realty specialist with the Lewis and Clark National Forest, retired August 3 after 36 years with the Forest Service. Previous positions were with the Custer, Beaverhead, Lolo, Nez Perce, and Bitterroot National Forests.

Lea and his wife plan to move to Billings in the fall.

Other Retirements

Don Boring, social services assistant, Trapper Creek JCC
 Carl Jacobs, forester, Sula RD

Gerald Larson, forestry technician, St. Maries RD
 Ralph Meyer, district ranger, Hebgen Lake RD

Newsletter Guidelines

The Northern Region News is published by the Northern Region Public Affairs Office for employees and retirees. Following are guidelines for submitting stories:

- Articles should feature Forest Service employees and retirees involved in Forest Service activities and projects.
- Articles must be concise and timely. All articles are subject to editing, and may not be used if outdated, inappropriate, or if space does not permit.

- Photos should be black and white, glossy prints if possible. Send articles to G. Weisgerber: R01A (Data General) or Gloria Weisgerber, Editor, Northern Region News, Public Affairs Office, P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807. The public affairs officer on your Forest may want to preview articles before they are sent. If so, please follow that process.



Yes, Virginia, It Does Rain in Dillon (every few years)

by Jack de Golia, Public Affairs Specialist
Beaverhead National Forest

The Beaverhead's Swede Troedsson marveled at how poorly the new parking lot at the S.O. drained during the heavy rains in June and July. Finally, his canoeing instincts could no longer resist and Swede went boating—only to have a close (splashy) encounter of the automotive kind with a laughing Mike Jatczynski (inside the truck).

Smokejumpers at WYIFC

by Kay Bugger, Public Information Assistant
Public Affairs
Gallatin National Forest

This past June six men were awarded jump pins at the West Yellowstone Interagency Fire Center. They include: L to R - Gary "Jiggs" Parker, 25th season, 150 jumps; Bill "Chicken Man" Werhane, 18th season, 350 jumps; Chuck "Tuna" Flach, 20th season, 350 jumps; Bill "Blue Eyes" Craig, 18th season, 400 jumps; Bill "Canoe" Neumeister, 9th season, 200 jumps; Greg "Melon" Anderson, 23rd season, 400 jumps. Not pictured, Tom Lindskog, 13th season, 200 jumps.



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